



“CONQUER – COMMEMORATE - CHOOSE”

The Tale Of Twelve For Tomorrow

“WHAT DO THESE STONES MEAN TO YOU?”

Joshua 1:1-18; 3:1-4:24; 24:15; Romans 8:33-39

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CONSECRATION CHEWABLES

- **DURING THIS 12-WEEK “CHANGE CHALLENGE”:**
 - **CEMENT THE CONCEPT OF CONQUERING**
 - **CREATE COMMEMORATIONS FROM YOUR ANCESTORS AND FOR THOSE WHOSE ANCESTORS YOU ARE OR WILL BE**
 - **CHOOSE TO ENGAGE IN ACTIVE DUTY AS A FRONT-LINE SOLDIER IN THE ARMY OF THE LORD**
 - **STUDY THE CHAPTERS OF JOSHUA BOTH HISTORICALLY, CONTEMPORARILY, AND FUTURISTICALLY**
 - **SEARCH THE SIGNIFICANCE OF STONES IN JOSHUA FOR THEN AND NOW**
 - **SAVOR THE “12s” FOUND IN THE ACCOUNTS OF JOSHUA HISTORICALLY AND PROPHETICALLY (FULFILLED AND YET TO COME)**

CONQUER



- TO OVERCOME; TO PREVAIL; TO BE VICTORIOUS
- FORM OF THE WORD - “MORE THAN A CONQUEROR” MEANS:
 - TO GAIN A SURPASSING VICTORY
 - TO BE “PREEMINENTLY/OVERWHELMINGLY VICTORIOUS,” OR “HYPER-CONQUERORS,” TO “PERPETUALLY INCREASE IN TRIUMPH”
 - KNOWN ONLY IN THE COMPOUND VERB FOUND IN ROMANS 8:28 – “*hupernikomen*,” AS “ABOVE ALL MEASURE,” IS COMPARED TO:
 - **CONQUEROR** = PLACES THEIR ENEMY IN SUBJECTION
 - **MORE THAN A CONQUEROR** = MASTER NOT ONLY THEIR FOES BUT ALSO THEMSELVES
 - **CONQUEROR** = DESTRUCTION OF FOES AND THEIR RESOURCES
 - **MORE THAN A CONQUEROR** = CONVERTS FOES INTO MEANS OF STILL FARTHER PROMOTING THE INTERESTS FOR WHICH THEY STRUGGLE
 - **CONQUEROR** = VICTORY IS EXTERNAL AND TRANSIENT
 - **MORE THAN A CONQUEROR** = VICTORY IS INTERNAL AND PERMANENT

COMMEMORATE AND CHOOSE



- **COMMEMORATE:**
- TO SERVE AS A MEMORIAL OR REMINDER
- TO HONOR AND OBSERVE THE MEMORY OF
- CEREMONIAL AND RECURRENT; CODIFY; DOCUMENT; CAPTURE
- **CHOOSE:**
- TO PICK OUT; SELECT; TAKE BY WAY OF PREFERENCE FROM TWO OR MORE DIFFERENT OFFERS/OPPORTUNITIES
- TO PREFER; ELECT; DESIGNATE
- LEADING IDEA; APPOINT; ENROLL

ROMANS 8:28-39

- ²⁸ And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.
- ²⁹ For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.
- ³⁰ Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.
- ³¹ **What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?**
- ³² He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, **how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?**
- ³³ **Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect?** It is God that justifieth.
- ³⁴ **Who is he that condemneth?** It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.
- ³⁵ **Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?** shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
- ³⁶ As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.
- ³⁷ Nay, **in all these things WE ARE MORE** than conquerors through him that loved us.
- ³⁸ For **I am persuaded, that** neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,
- ³⁹ Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

JOSHUA 1:1-10

- 1 Now **AFTER** the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that **THE LORD SPAKE UNTO JOSHUA** the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,
- 2 **MOSES MY SERVANT IS DEAD; NOW THEREFORE ARISE, GO OVER THIS JORDAN, THOU, AND ALL THIS PEOPLE, UNTO THE LAND WHICH I DO GIVE TO THEM, EVEN TO THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL.**
- 3 **EVERY PLACE THAT THE SOLE OF YOUR FOOT SHALL TREAD UPON, THAT HAVE I GIVEN UNTO YOU, AS I SAID UNTO MOSES.**
- 4 From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.
- 5 **THERE SHALL NOT ANY MAN BE ABLE TO STAND BEFORE THEE ALL THE DAYS OF THY LIFE: AS I WAS WITH MOSES, SO I WILL BE WITH THEE: I WILL NOT FAIL THEE, NOR FORSAKE THEE.**
- 6 **BE STRONG AND OF A GOOD COURAGE: FOR UNTO THIS PEOPLE SHALT THOU DIVIDE FOR AN INHERITANCE THE LAND, WHICH I SWARE UNTO THEIR FATHERS TO GIVE THEM.**
- 7 **ONLY BE THOU STRONG AND VERY COURAGEOUS, THAT THOU MAYEST OBSERVE TO DO ACCORDING TO ALL THE LAW, WHICH MOSES MY SERVANT COMMANDED THEE: TURN NOT FROM IT TO THE RIGHT HAND OR TO THE LEFT, THAT THOU MAYEST PROSPER WITHersoever thou goest.**
- 8 **THIS BOOK OF THE LAW SHALL NOT DEPART OUT OF THY MOUTH; BUT THOU SHALT MEDITATE THEREIN DAY AND NIGHT, THAT THOU MAYEST OBSERVE TO DO ACCORDING TO ALL THAT IS WRITTEN THEREIN: FOR THEN THOU SHALT MAKE THY WAY PROSPEROUS, AND THEN THOU SHALT HAVE GOOD SUCCESS.**
- 9 **HAVE NOT I COMMANDED THEE? BE STRONG AND OF A GOOD COURAGE; BE NOT AFRAID, NEITHER BE THOU DISMAYED: FOR THE LORD THY GOD IS WITH THEE WHITHERSOEVER THOU GOEST.**
- 10 **THEN JOSHUA COMMANDED THE OFFICERS OF THE PEOPLE, SAYING (LEADERSHIP MEETING – FIRST! – JOSHUA IS THE ONE TALKING NOW!!!),**

JOSHUA 1:11-18

- **11 PASS THROUGH THE HOST, AND COMMAND THE PEOPLE, (THE LEADERS ARE NOW COMMANDED BY JOSHUA TO SPEAK TO THE PEOPLE/CONGREGATION!!!) saying, PREPARE** you victuals; for within three days ye shall **PASS** over this Jordan, to go in to **POSSESS** the land, which **THE LORD YOUR GOD GIVETH YOU TO POSSESS IT (ORIGIN OF THE BLESSING IS GOD! LAND IS MENTIONED 87 TIMES IN THE BOOK OF JOSHUA)**.
- **12** And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Manasseh, spake Joshua, saying,
- **13** Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, saying, The LORD your God hath given you rest, and hath given you this land.
- **14** Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan; but ye shall pass before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valour, and help them;
- **15** Until the LORD have given your brethren rest, as he hath given you, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and enjoy it, which Moses the LORD's servant gave you on this side Jordan toward the sunrising.
- **16 AND THEY ANSWERED JOSHUA**, saying, ALL THAT THOU COMMANDEST US WE WILL DO, AND WHITHERSOEVER THOU SENDEST US, WE WILL GO.
- **17 ACCORDING AS WE HEARKENED UNTO MOSES IN ALL THINGS, SO WILL WE HEARKEN UNTO THEE: ONLY THE LORD THY GOD BE WITH THEE, AS HE WAS WITH MOSES.**
- **18 WHOSOEVER HE BE THAT DOTHTH REBEL AGAINST THY COMMANDMENT, AND WILL NOT HEARKEN UNTO THY WORDS IN ALL THAT THOU COMMANDEST HIM, HE SHALL BE PUT TO DEATH: ONLY BE STRONG AND OF A GOOD COURAGE.**



JOSHUA 3:1-9

- 3 And Joshua rose early in the morning; and they removed from Shittim, and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over.
- 2 And it came to pass **after three days**, that **the officers went through the host**;
- 3 And **they commanded the people**, saying, **When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it.**
- 4 Yet **there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure [NFL specifications is that a football field is 240 cubits from end to end – 0.57 Miles]**: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed this way heretofore **[Pay attention because you haven't been this way before!]**.
- 5 And Joshua said unto the people, **Sanctify yourselves: for TO MORROW** the LORD will do wonders among you.
- 6 And Joshua **spake unto the priests**, saying, **Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over BEFORE the people**. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.
- 7 And the LORD said unto Joshua, **This day will I BEGIN to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel**, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee.
- 8 And **thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant**, saying, **When ye are come TO THE BRINK OF THE WATER of Jordan, ye SHALL STAND STILL** in Jordan.
- 9 And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, **Come hither, and hear the words of the LORD your God.**

JOSHUA 3:10-17

- **10** And Joshua said, **Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you** the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites.
- **11** Behold, **the ark of the covenant of the LORD of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan.**
- **12** Now therefore **“TAKE” YOU TWELVE MEN “OUT OF” THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL, OUT OF EVERY TRIBE A MAN.**
- **13** And it shall come to pass, **AS SOON AS THE SOLES OF THE FEET OF THE PRIESTS THAT BEAR THE ARK OF THE LORD, THE LORD OF ALL THE EARTH, SHALL REST IN THE WATERS OF JORDAN, THAT THE WATERS OF JORDAN SHALL BE CUT OFF FROM THE WATERS THAT COME DOWN FROM ABOVE; AND THEY SHALL STAND UPON AN HEAP.**
- **14** And it came to pass, **when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people;**
- **15** And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and **THE FEET OF THE PRIESTS THAT BARE THE ARK WERE DIPPED IN THE BRIM OF THE WATER, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,)[This was a time of flooding so crossing during flood season made no “natural” sense]**
- **16** That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, **FAILED**, and were **CUT OFF:** and **THE PEOPLE PASSED OVER RIGHT AGAINST JERICHO [AT THIS POINT, THEY WERE ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF JERICHO – THE CITY THAT THEY WERE GETTING READY TO HAVE TO “CONQUER”].**
- **17** And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground **IN THE MIDST OF JORDAN,** and **ALL** the Israelites passed over on **DRY GROUND, UNTIL ALL** the people were **PASSED CLEAN OVER JORDAN. [ARE YOU WILLING TO STEP INTO THE WATER? – ARE YOU AMONG THOSE WHO ARE “CHOOSING” TO STAY ON THE “DRY” SIDE – THE “SAFE” SIDE – THE “ENSLAVED” SIDE... THE COST TO “CHOOSE” ACTUALLY HAPPENS “BEFORE” COMMEMORATION! – SOMEONE “CHOSE” SO THAT YOU CAN NOW... “CHOOSE” ...YET MANY DON’T]**

JOSHUA 4:1-14

- 4 And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over Jordan, that the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying,
- 2 Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man [there were 12 tribes],
- 3 And command ye them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm, TWELVE STONES, and ye shall carry them over with you, and LEAVE THEM IN THE LODGING PLACE, where ye shall lodge this night.
- 4 Then Joshua called the twelve men, WHOM HE HAD PREPARED OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL, out of every tribe a man [there were 12 tribes]:
- 5 And Joshua said unto them [the 12], Pass over before the ark of the LORD your God into the midst of Jordan, and take you up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel [there were 12 tribes]:
- 6 That this may be a SIGN among you, that WHEN your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, WHAT MEAN YE BY THESE STONES?
- 7 Then YE SHALL ANSWER THEM [PROVOKE THE QUESTION AND PREPARE THE ANSWER], That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: "AND THESE STONES" shall be for a MEMORIAL [COMMEMORATION] unto the children of Israel FOR EVER.
- 8 And the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and TOOK UP TWELVE STONES out of the midst of Jordan, as the LORD spake unto Joshua, according to THE NUMBER OF THE TRIBES of the children of Israel, and CARRIED THEM OVER WITH THEM UNTO THE PLACE WHERE THEY LODGED, and LAID THEM DOWN THERE.
- 9 And Joshua set up TWELVE STONES IN THE MIDST OF JORDAN, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day.
- 10 For the PRIESTS which bare the ark stood IN THE MIDST OF JORDAN, UNTIL EVERYTHING WAS FINISHED that the LORD commanded Joshua to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua: and the people hasted and passed over.
- 11 And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over, that the ark of the LORD passed over, and the priests, in the presence of the people.
- 12 And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh, passed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses spake unto them:
- 13 About forty thousand prepared for war passed over before the LORD unto battle, to the plains of Jericho.
- 14 ON THAT DAY the LORD magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.

JOSHUA 4:15-24

- ¹⁵ And the LORD spake unto Joshua, saying,
- ¹⁶ **Command the priests that bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of Jordan.**
- ¹⁷ Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, **Come ye up out of Jordan.**
- ¹⁸ And it came to pass, when the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD were come up out of the midst of Jordan, **and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up unto the dry land [WALKING OUT OUR VICTORY – THE PEOPLE WERE UNKNOWINGLY PREPARING TO WALK OUT THEIR VICTORY OVER JERICHO WHILE THEY STOOD IN THE MIDDLE OF THE JORDAN!]**, that the waters of Jordan returned unto their place, and flowed over all his banks, **as they did before.**
- ¹⁹ And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in **Gilgal [means – a circle of stones, a circle is 360 degrees, 360 degrees is 12x30]** in the east border of Jericho.
- ²⁰ And **THOSE TWELVE STONES**, which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal [Israel's place of gathering, consecration, getting instruction, circumcised, encouragement, prayer, place of remembrance, a type of church, the ecclesia to prepare the people for the world – a place to hear stories, songs, and testimonies and get strength for the storm!].
- ²¹ And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying, **When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, WHAT MEAN THESE STONES?**
- ²² Then **YE SHALL LET YOUR CHILDREN KNOW**, saying, Israel came **OVER “THIS” JORDAN ON DRY LAND.**
- ²³ **For the LORD YOUR GOD** dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over:
- ²⁴ **That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever.**

SUMMARY

- **JOSHUA 24:1-33 CAPSULATES:**
- **THE COVENANTS BETWEEN MAN AND GOD**
- **THE “MORE THAN” CONQUEROR CHARACTER OF GOD’S PEOPLE**
- **THE COMMEMORATION AND MEMORIALS TO ENSURE THE CONTINUATION (OR PERPETUALNESS) OF THE STORY-TELLING OF THE WORKS/WORD OF GOD (STORY OF JESUS)**
- **THE COMMAND TO “CHOOSE” WHO YOU WILL SERVE**
- **THE DECLARATION OF THE LEADER THAT HE “WILL” SERVE GOD**
- **THE TALE OF THE 12 TOMORROW IS NEEDED TODAY – WHO ARE YOU TELLING?**
- **THE QUESTION IS BEGGING TO BE ANSWERED – “WHAT DO THESE STONES MEAN TO YOU?”**
- **“WHERE ARE THESE STONES?” “HOW ARE THESE STONES DOING?” “WHY ARE THERE STONES?” “WHO ARE THESE STONES?” “WHO IS THE STONE?”**
- **IF WE ARE TOO BUSY TO HEAR AND TELL THE STORIES...THEN WE ARE TOO BUSY!**
- **STORIES COME FROM SUFFERING AND ACTION – COURAGE, CRISIS, AND CHRIST!**

JOSHUA 24:1-2; 14-29 (Reference, Background, and Supportive Scripture)

- 24 And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves before God.
- 2 And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served other gods.
- 14 Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.
- 15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, **CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY WHOM YE WILL SERVE;** whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: **BUT AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD.**
- 16 And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods;
- 17 For the LORD our God, he it is that brought us up and our fathers out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and which did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the people through whom we passed:
- 18 And the LORD drave out from before us all the people, even the Amorites which dwelt in the land: therefore will we also serve the LORD; for he is our God.
- 19 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD: for he is an holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins.
- 20 If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you, after that he hath done you good.
- 21 And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the LORD.
- 22 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses.
- 23 Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD God of Israel.
- 24 And the people said unto Joshua, The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey.
- 25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.
- 26 And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of the LORD.
- 27 And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the LORD which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God.
- 28 So Joshua let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance.
- 29 And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being an hundred and ten years old.